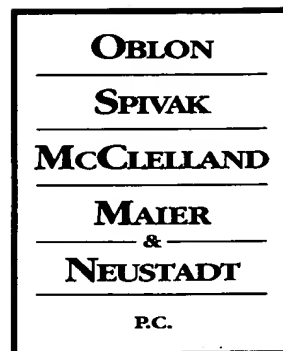




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SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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In response to the Office Action dated September 6, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application on the bases of following discussions:

REMARKS

Favorable reconsideration of the present application in light of the following discussion is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2 and 5-16 are presently pending in this application, Claims 1 and 2 having been withdrawn from consideration by the Examiner.

In the outstanding Office Action, Claims 5-16 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §101, as containing subject matter which lacks patentable utility, 35 U.S.C. §112, first paragraph, for